Welcome to a new 4-H Year

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a fun and enjoyable summer. I am looking forward to another school year and a year full of 4-H opportunities for fun and learning new things. In this newsletter you will find a review of what we did this summer and what we are planning in the future. Upcoming events in the County as well as State wide events will be posted in the newsletter.

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4-H Classroom in the Forest

Upcoming Events
• 4-H National Science Day
• Alabama National Fair
• National 4-H Week
• Farm-City Festival
• Ag Discovery Day
• 4-H Day @ AU Football

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Alabama National Fair October 3-13, 2014

Montgomery County 4-H will have an exhibit booth at the Alabama National Fair. Got Goats? 4-H Club had a fair exhibit. Be sure while you are at the Alabama National Fair to stop by and see the new exhibit from Montgomery County 4-H. Also some of you may be interested in entering items in the many contests that the fair has to offer. Go to the Alabama National Fair web site to see the different contest you can enter. http://www.alnationalfair.org/home/

Farm-City Festival – October 20, 2014

Bartlett Ranch, Pike Road 4-7 PM

Fun and excitement always accompany the Farm-City Festival each year. This year is no different. Look for some of the same activities: Coloring contest, animal displays, make and take crafts, Hay maze, children’s activities, Farm displays and of course the 4-H Chicken Q contest. If you would like to participate in the 4-H Chicken Q contest please contact Brenda Henson County 4-H Agent in advance. For rules on the 4-H Chicken Q contest see complete rules and guidelines at http://www.aces.edu/fourh/programs/contest.php

4-H In School Enrichment Programs

As in the past 4-H is in several Montgomery County Schools through 4-H in school enrichment programs. Through the 4-H school Enrichment program 4-H comes to the students in the class room bringing research base programing and a chance to learn more about 4-H. This is another way that students can participate and be a part of 4-H. The programs are fun, hands on, minds on activities to teach the students about a variety of subjects from Hand washing to Aerospace to Gardening.
4-H Volunteers — National 4-H Week
Help “To Make the Best Better”
October 5-11, 2014

Things you can do:

• Replace your voice mail with “Happy 4-H Week!

• Use the Discovery School Puzzlemaker to make a word puzzle. Use as a fun activity or contest during club meetings and other special events. www.puzzlemaker.school.discovery.com

• Add a 4-H Week message to your school’s web site.

• Provide the local newspaper with articles written by members, volunteers and alumni.

• Advertise an “I Bleed Green Day” where everyone wears something green, Distribute green and white mints with invitations to the next meeting or special event so everyone wears green that day.

• Distribute green and white mints to all members’ teachers, etc.

• Take a jar of green jelly beans to each meeting. Let members guess how many jelly beans are in the jar.

• Make and deliver jars of green and white jelly beans to your school principle, sponsor or other special people.

Whatever your club does to celebrate “National 4-H Week” please remember to let us know at the 4-H office here in Montgomery so we can promote your ideas and activities to others.

“To Make the Best Better!”

Ag Discovery Adventure Day
A Window to the Future
Saturday, September 13, 2014
9 A.M – 2 P.M.
E.V. Smith Research Center, Shorter, Alabama
(Rain date Saturday October 8, 2014

Hosted by the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station and Auburn University’s College of Agriculture, Ag Discovery Adventure Will offer youth and adults entertaining hand-on activities and presentation that will showcase agricultural technology and illustrate the key role agriculture plays in every aspect of our lives. They will explore the multi-faceted world of agriculture, from crop and animal production to home gardening to buzzwords like sustainability and bioenergy.
Auburn University is switching to a new reporting system, and all 4-H Volunteer Club Leaders and adults in direct contact with youth MUST register yourself with the new Online Reporting system, and watch one training video.

All Partners and Volunteers will have to do two things: (1) Register (basic info) and (2) watch the 4-H is for Everyone video. To do this, go to: http://www.aces.edu/4-H-youth/AL4-H/forvolunteers/ForVolunteers.php scroll all the way down to "ACES 4-H ONLINE" and start with "Volunteer Instructions for 4-H Online Registration". This is just the Registration.

AFTER you register, a 4-H Is for Everyone Video will pop up. Complete the short fun training modules, and print your 'Certificates of Completion and email or scan it to Shannon.